

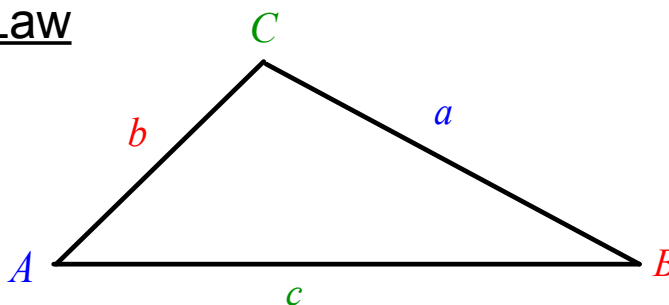
In non-right triangles we cannot use the primary trigonometric ratio; there is no 90° angle, so there is no hypotenuse!

However, there still exists relationships between the sides and the angles in the triangle.

The relationships can be expressed in terms of sine or cosine and are called the Sine Law and the Cosine Law.

We will study these laws over the next few days.

L7(8.1) - The Sine Law



The Sine Law (2 formats) for $\triangle ABC$:

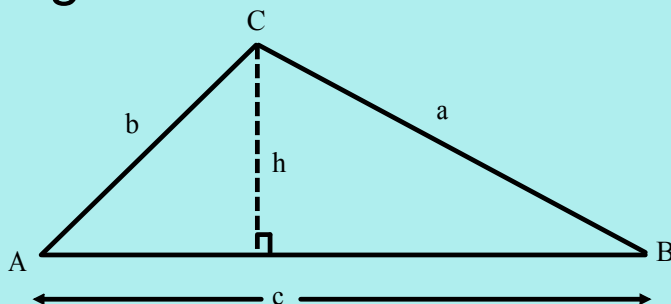
$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

or

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

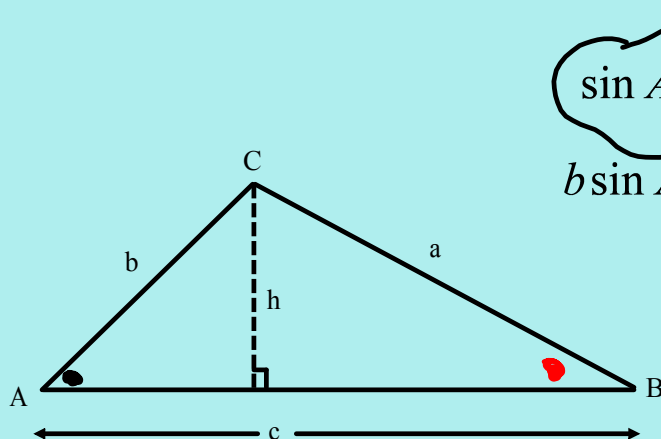
You decide which format to use depending on what you are solving for.

Proving the Sine Law:



We can always create right triangles by drawing an altitude from any vertex.

Using trigonometry on each right triangle, we can relate the angles and sides of the overall triangle.



$$\sin A = \frac{h}{b}$$

$$b \sin A = h$$

$$\sin B = \frac{h}{a}$$

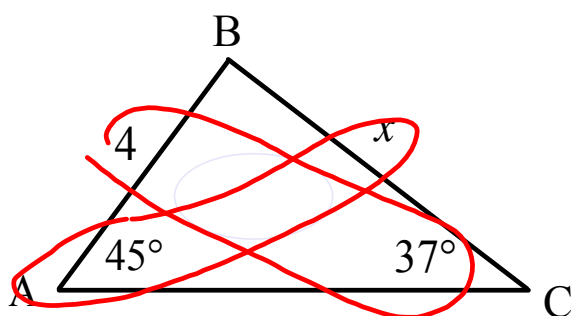
$$a \sin B = h$$

$$\text{set } h = h$$

$$b \sin A = a \sin B$$

$$\frac{b \sin A}{a} = \sin B$$

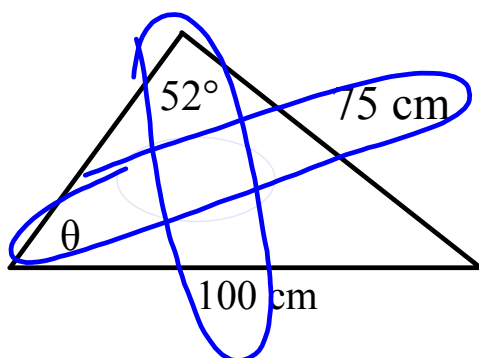
$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$$

Ex.1 Solve for x .

$$\frac{x}{\sin 45^\circ} = \frac{4}{\sin 37^\circ}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \sin 45^\circ}{\sin 37^\circ}$$

$$\approx 4.70$$

Ex. 2 Solve for θ .

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{75} = \frac{\sin 52^\circ}{100}$$

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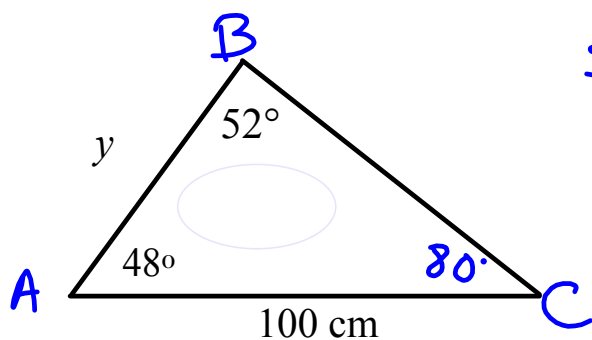
$$\sin \theta = 0.5910$$

$$\sin^{-1}(\sin \theta) = \sin^{-1}(0.5910)$$

$$\theta \approx 36^\circ$$

\therefore the angle is
 36°

Ex. 3 Solve for y .



$$\frac{y}{\sin 80} = \frac{100}{\sin 52}$$

$$y = \frac{100 \sin 80}{\sin 52}$$

$$y = 124.97$$

Assigned Work:

p.427 # 2ac

p.432 # 2, 3ace, 5ac, 6, 14, 15